
Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Foss Maritime Company)	File No. EB-FIELDWR-14-00017039
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Towing Vessel Arthur Foss, WRB5693)	
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San Pedro, California)	NOV No. V201432900028

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: September 11, 2014

By the District Director, Los Angeles, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's Rules,¹ to Foss Maritime Company (Foss Maritime), registered owner of the Emergency Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) associated with the towing vessel Arthur Foss, assigned callsign WRB5693, docked in San Pedro, California. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.²

2. On August 7, 2014, the Enforcement Bureau's Los Angeles Office received a complaint from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Mission Control Center requesting assistance in locating the false activation of a 406 MHz EPIRB. Agents from the Los Angeles Office located and inspected the EPIRB associated with the vessel Arthur Foss, located in a dry-docked position at the Al Larson Boat Shop in San Pedro, California, and observed the following violation:

- a. 47 C.F.R. § 80.89(a): "Stations must not engage in superfluous radiocommunication." Transmissions by EPIRBs are intended to be actuated manually or automatically and operated automatically as part of a ship or a survival craft station as a locating aid for survival purposes. The EPIRB associated with vessel Arthur Foss was activated on August 7, 2014 in the absence of any emergency situation.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Commission's Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Foss Maritime must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Commission's Rules, we direct Foss Maritime to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Foss Maritime with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Foss Maritime's response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee's possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Los Angeles District Office
18000 Studebaker Road, Suite 660
Cerritos, CA 90703

6. This Notice shall be sent to Foss Maritime Company at its address of record.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Commission's Rules provides that "[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'." 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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7. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).